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Celebrating High School Grads: Special Section Inside

Emergency departments remain in 'precarious position'

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Those seeking medical attention are being asked to ensure their need is serious before visiting a local emergency department.

On Thursday afternoon prior to the busy holiday weekend, Haliburton Highlands Health Services launched a public awareness campaign reminding the public of the potential for physician and nurse shortages and emergency department closures at Minden and Haliburton hospitals. HHHS has been warning the public since November of staffing shortages caused by typical staffing challenges as well as factors influenced by the pandemic that could result in temporary hospital closures.

The "Stop – Check – Go" campaign asks that those in need of serious medical attention including for chest pain, severe blood loss, head injury or shortness of breath should call 911, while those with non-life-threatening issues should pause and assess their injury prior to using the emergency department.

"If it's not life-threatening you should: 'Stop' and see if self-care (for a twisted ankle, see STAFFING page 2



A graduation ceremony to remember

Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Grade 12 graduates laugh during classmate Ethan Volochkov's valedictorian address during the HHSS graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 29. The ceremony was held in-person for the first time since 2019 after being paused due to COVID-19 health measures. See page 10 for the graduation feature. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

MH council approves surveillance cameras at landfill

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

The following are brief reports of items discussed at Minden Hills council at a meeting held both in-person and virtually on June 30.

Nikki Payne, manager of waste facilities, asked council to approve an exception to the township's video surveillance policy, allowing for the installation of solar-powered trail cameras at landfill sites.

"Historically, the township's landfill sites have experienced after-hours illegal trespass-

ing, scavenging and vandalism," Payne said in her report. "Recently, there have been instances of personalized harassment at one of the sites and the occurrences have been reported to the [police]. While the OPP have

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A new place to play

The Minden Hills Curling Club at 50 Prentice Street has opened its doors this summer after renovations, through funding from the New Horizons for Seniors Program, transforming it into an all-year-long centre. It will be open on weekdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for shuffleboard, pickleball, cornhole (beanbag toss) and carpet bowling, and is equipped with brand new large card tables. For more details visit mindencurlingclub.com or email mindensummersocialleagues@gmail.com. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Staffing shortages forcing hospital closures across province

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sunburn, minor scrapes or seasonal allergies) or a call to their doctor (for chronic symptoms, back pain or stomach aches can address your needs,” reads the June 30 press release. “‘Check’ to make sure the emergency department you plan to visit is open, by calling HHHS at 705-457-1392, extension 2555, visiting hhhs.ca or visiting HHHS Facebook or Twitter pages. If your need is urgent, you can then ‘Go’ to the emergency department nearest you.”

Carolyn Plummer, HHHS CEO and president, told the *Times* the public awareness campaign was launched as a result of the “precarious situation” HHHS continues to deal with.

“Although we have worked extremely hard to ensure we have adequate staffing for the start of a busy summer, and we have staffing in place right now for the weekend, we continue to be in a precarious position with both nursing and physician shifts,” Plummer said on June 30. “We are working day and night to cover every shift through the summer, and we are grateful for our team members who keep stepping up to fill in gaps in the schedule when they happen.”

Plummer said that should a temporary emergency department closure occur, “paramedics will take patients in need of emergency medical attention to the nearest emergency department, which could be in the communities of Lindsay, Bracebridge, Bancroft, Peterborough, or Huntsville.”

Should a temporary closure occur, Plummer said a robust communications plan is in place to share information broadly via the HHHS dedicated extension (705-457-1392 ext. 2555), website, and social media channels, through local media and community partners, and through roadside signage and posters on site.

Over the weekend, Perth and Smith Falls District Hospital emergency department was closed until this upcoming Thursday due to a COVID-19 outbreak, with doctors there telling media outlets of an ongoing staff shortage. In Clinton, the emergency department closed from July 1 to 5, also due to physician and nurse shortages. Children’s hospitals including Children’s Hospital of Eastern Ontario and SickKids are reporting record high occupancy and wait times. Emergency departments in other provinces including Quebec, New Brunswick and Manitoba are also experiencing temporary closures as a result of staffing shortages and surging patient loads.

A survey by Statistics Canada conducted during the fourth wave of the pandemic last fall and released in June reported 95 per cent of health workers were feeling job stress or mental health concerns as a result of pandemic-related extended work hours, decreased vacation time, changes to the method of care delivery, and burnout.

COVID-19 Lab Confirmed Cases, Hospitalizations, and Deaths by Municipality, Since 01 January 2022								
County	CSDNAME	Active cases (current)	Total 2022 cases	Rate	Non-outbreak cases (cumulative)	Outbreak cases (cumulative)	Hospitalizations (cumulative)	Deaths (cumulative)
▲ Haliburton	Minden Hills	1	101	1526.37	83	18	2	1
Haliburton	Dysart et al	1	183	2683.28	123	60	7	3
Haliburton	Algonquin Highlands	1	25	987.75	25	0	1	0
Haliburton	Highlands East	2	48	1364.80	43	5	1	1
Kawartha Lakes	Kawartha Lakes	18	2807	3449.76	1,843	964	70	26
Northumberland	Cramahe	1	171	2648.29	154	17	7	2
Northumberland	Alnwick/Haldimand	0	224	2847.70	200	24	6	2
Northumberland	Hamilton Township	4	238	1943.02	212	26	5	0
Northumberland	Brighton	6	342	2702.49	302	40	15	3
Northumberland	Port Hope	4	384	2206.26	275	109	5	2
Northumberland	Trent Hills	2	544	4072.77	288	256	17	5
Northumberland	Cobourg	8	669	3281.66	411	258	15	3
Total HKPRDHU	All Municipalities	48	5736	2999.56	3,959	1,777	151	48

COVID-19 in the county

In a data upload from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District health unit dated June 29, six new lab-confirmed cases of COVID-19 in Haliburton County, 16 new cases in City of Kawartha Lakes and 33 new cases in Northumberland County were reported. The health unit reminds the public these numbers do not accurately reflect community spread due to limited PCR testing. /Screenshot from hkpr.on.ca.

Recorded footage to be accessed if crime occurs

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investigated, they have indicated and recommended that there should be video surveillance at the sites, to assist in identifying perpetrators. This would also assist in protecting both township and contract staff, and the township's assets."

Payne told council that previous wildlife cameras with downloadable data were installed, "but have always been stolen."

"Staff are hoping to install solar-powered trail cameras with secure digital card and cellular capabilities," said Payne. "This would allow staff to remote access the footage (if required), and if the units were stolen the last images taken could be obtained and passed along to the authorities."

The footage would only be accessed by Payne as manager of waste facilities or Mike Timmins, director of public works, who would pass the footage on to authorities if there was reasonable cause to believe a crime or act of anti-social behaviours (theft, vandalism, unauthorized access) had been committed.

The IT department, reviewing the request, noted a few limitations including that the proposed outdoor cameras make it more challenging to protect the video recordings from unauthorized access; the "cloud" data would be stored on doesn't have a Canadian data centre; no built-in auditing and the inability to limit data to seven days, however, Payne said manual workarounds could be implemented to meet those requirements.

The installation of a security camera at Scotch Line landfill would cost approximately \$350, paid for through the Scotch Line operational budget. Other landfill sites at Iron Mine, Little Gull and Ingoldsby would not have cameras installed in 2022 due to their lack of cellular capabilities.

"Sad but necessary in the world we live in," said Mayor Brent Devolin.

Councillor Pam Sayne agreed, and questioned if it might reduce the municipality's insurance costs, as having video surveillance does for households.

Council approved the request.

Road work project shortfall funded by reserves

Mike Timmins, director of public works, reported a road work budget shortfall of \$17,345 to council.

He requested council approve the additional expense as well as an additional \$32,654 in contingency for a total budget increase of \$50,000, recommended to be funded from reserves.

"This will enable the township to complete all 2022 projects and to allow for unforeseeable expenses that may arise during construction," read his report, with Timmins noting,

"there's always surprises once you break ground."

Timmins presented the price increases the department is dealing with, with Granular A being \$29.25/mt in 2021 compared to \$38.50/mt in 2022, an increase of 31.6 per cent. Slurry seal listed as being \$3.25/m² in 2021 is now \$3.92/m² in 2022, an increase of 20.6 per cent.

"The current oil and gas prices are affecting most materials and services purchased by the township," said Timmins in his report. "The road resurfacing that the township has requested makes use of many oil-based products, as well as heavy equipment and vehicles. As a result fees have increased beyond what was budgeted."

MH council hears update on short-term rental review

An update on the short-term rental accommodation review being undertaken by J.L. Richards came to Minden Hills council, having been presented to county council at their meeting on May 25.

Jason Ferrigan noted the mandate from the county is to review short term accommodation best practices to help guide potential future development of short-term rental policies and regulations. He noted it's an important issue in many communities.

"Short-term rental accommodations are very complex issues, and they are both influenced by and they affect many aspects of both community health and community viability, and I'm thinking specifically about elements around the economy, affordable housing and the quality of life within the community itself," said Ferrigan.

He said the consulting firm is looking at the unit types where short-term accommodations might be permitted, how the county can achieve a balance between the traditional hospitality industry and short-term accommodations that might be more commercial, the duration of stays, number of guests, zoning and whether municipalities can use it as a tool to help guide the industry, fees, taxes, accommodation tax, as well as enforcement.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she was concerned, in part because of the number of phone calls she had received about the ongoing challenges around short-term accommodations.

"I'm finding there's a real difference in terms of how we address the fact that people are making real money off of these commercial enterprises by using residential properties, and yet when people are gathering in parks because they have nowhere to live, we're kicking them out right away and saying, sorry, this is zoned improperly," she said. "The degree of homelessness that we have, I don't think we're treating different classes the same in terms of our bylaw enforcement, I think it's a real critical issue and something we should be moving faster on, something we should be paying more at-

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Sad but necessary in the world we live in.

— MINDEN HILLS MAYOR BRENT DEVOLIN

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tention to in terms of who we are giving lenience to and who we are not."

She said she appreciated why people would want to rent out their cottages, but found a difference in commercial operation versus residential.

Councillor Bob Carter said that one of the points raised when the presentation came to county council was that short-term rentals were replacing the available rental units that were in the community.

"County council said that wasn't applicable here, I just want you to know it is applicable here and it is happening here so please don't leave that out of your study," he told Ferrigan. "It may not have been applicable a few years ago but it is very much today."

A report will come to county council in August.

Potential community garden for Minden proposed

Council has asked staff to report back on a request from the Minden Community Food Centre to create and sponsor a community garden at the fairgrounds. Don Veno, MCFC chair, said in a letter to council the garden would be created in raised beds.

"This community garden would greatly benefit individuals who live in apartments or condos giving them an opportunity to help in the garden or for individuals who can no longer tend to a garden themselves," said Veno in the letter. "It would provide an opportunity for community members of all ages in learning to use environmentally friendly methods to grow fresh produce."

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July 28 – Regular Council Meeting
August 25 – Regular Council Meeting

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Strong year for HHHS community programs

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

Community programs provided by Haliburton Highlands Health Services in the area were popular in the past year, with some experiencing increasing volumes and complexity, to positive responses from those using the services.

“This was another year of demonstrating the importance of these vital programs delivered to the community, as individuals and families were helped to overcome isolation, strengthen their health and well-being and be independent in the community,” said HHHS president and CEO Carolyn Plummer in her report to the board at the organization’s annual general meeting held June 23.

The Geriatric Assessment and Intervention Network [GAIN] clinic saw 1,659 visits, with a 15 per cent increase in client visits in the past year and 102 GAIN clients received 858 visits from community paramedicine. Almost 600 mental health clients received a combined 5,152 visits in the past year, and Home First/Home at Last registered 291 clients, double from last year. Transportation programs had 405 clients receiving 7,335 rides, a 10 per cent increase from the prior year. While use of the Diabetes Education Program increases every year, in the past fiscal year it’s seen an increase of 18 per cent in clients (1,242 clients), and 22 per cent in number of visits (2,661 visits). Hospice palliative care had 326 clients, for 856 in-person visits and 1,886 virtual visits.

HHHS telemedicine services helped, said Plummer, “to save our communities, residents and patients 4,839 hours in travel time and 377,496 kilometres in distance travelled.” Telehealth visits increased almost 40 per cent over the past year, said Plummer.

Hospital visits increase in past year

Haliburton Highlands Health Services has seen an increase in visits in the emergency department compared with the last couple of years. In the past year, Minden and Haliburton hospitals have seen a total of 22,000 visits, about 4,500 more than the last year according to Plummer.

Haliburton emergency department saw 9,766 visits, while Minden’s emergency department saw 12,768 visits. In acute care, 765 weighted cases, 3,855 patient days and 489 inpatient discharges were recorded in the past year.

“What we are seeing, as far as our emergency department goes, we are seeing a return to the types of volumes that we saw before the pandemic hit,” she said. “What we are seeing in addition to that is an increase in complexity of patients that are coming through the door as well.”

Plummer said there was also a slight increase in patient base, and more people seeking diagnostic imaging support, with a total of 9,546 tests completed.



HHHS staff members pause for a photo taken by colleague Amanda Rowden.

She thanked staff for their work during this time.

“HHHS was able to keep both emergency departments open and operating, even in the middle of significant staff shortages, thanks to the continued dedication and commitment shown by the hospital teams,” said Plummer. “Coming in early, staying late, picking up extra shifts and hours, and adapting their schedules has been challenging but has helped enable uninterrupted services.”

Thanking retiring staff for a job well done

Plummer made note to thank three longtime staff members in advance of their upcoming retirements.

Lisa Tompkins is retiring from the role of executive director of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, a role she’s held since 2017 after being a part-time resident of the Highlands for 35 years and a board member on the foundation since 2004. Plummer said Tompkins has been “an incredible leader, helping to bring in funding to enhance our health services and ensure our community has access to the best medical technology.” She said Tompkins had gone above and beyond to lend her support during the pandemic.

“What an amazing legacy,” said Plummer.

Dr. Steve Ferracuti has been part of the medical community in Haliburton for 30 years, and has made countless contributions in support of the medical team and hospital staff to ensure ongoing healthcare services will be available for this community, Plummer said. He’s taken on a number of leadership roles including being chief of staff and a member of the HHHS board several times, as well as Haliburton emergency department medical team leadership, mentoring support, and contributing to the planning of the future and physician leadership role during the pandemic response.

“It won’t be the same here without him,” said Plummer.

Marlene Vieira has been in the role of executive assistant since March 2006. Plummer, who spoke through tears, said Vieira’s contributions have been innumerable while working through “countless changes” at HHHS and in the broader healthcare system. Vieira has played a key role in supporting the board, CEO and management team, and Plummer noted her consistent professionalism and grace, as well as her kindness, compassion and generosity of spirit.

Radiothon an opportunity to support community radio

by DARREN LUM
Times Staff

Giving back to our local community radio station is just a phone call away.

For the 14th year Canoe FM is hosting its Annual Radiothon fundraiser, which provides important funds, but also an opportunity for listeners to learn more about the not-for-profit community radio station located in the village of Haliburton. This year’s Radiothon will be held from July 8 to 10.

During the Radiothon, listeners are encouraged to dedicate songs, send out messages and bid on auction items. There will be a chance to win one of five \$100 gas cards, 70 auction packages, and 35 surprise auction items.

Station manager Roxanne Casey said this Radiothon fundraiser is important to keep the lights on and to ensure the community station provides a valuable service to Haliburton County and the surrounding area.

“The service that we provide is we provide information, eclectic music, we give opportunities to volunteers,” she said. “It’s your mother, your aunts, your cousins, all of those people have an opportunity to be on the airwaves and provide that service to people.”

She adds the station’s function is to help deliver important information about the community, whether its events, what is

happening locally, and even offer a voice of assistance.

“We can focus on everything local and we can do it immediately ... if you happen to need help or need help finding a dog or need help finding a ring we can pop on the air and we can tell people about it right away,” she said.

Broadcasting with live personalities is available between 7 a.m. until 6 p.m. daily.

Casey, who thanks all the businesses that donated items to facilitate the auctions, clarified that the money from the Radiothon is used to cover operational costs such as daily expenses like rent, utilities, communication costs, which is not covered by the station’s Radio Bingo fundraising. Radio Bingo operates under the rules related to its lottery licence and restricts the money to be used only for broadcasting expenses.

The Radiothon also provides the station important feedback from listeners.

“We have people come into the station (we can do that now and we haven’t been able to do that for a couple of years), but usually with the Radiothon on the weekend there’s a ton of people that come through the station that have never even been here before. It gives them an opportunity to come in and nose around and we encourage that,” studio engineer, Ron Murphy said.

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Have a Safe and Healthy Summer!

Icelandic group celebrates heritage, resiliency in Kinmount

by SUE TIFFIN
Editor

For 20 or so years, Gwen Sigrid Morgan has been visiting a cottage on the Burnt River, but it was in Toronto during the pandemic that she learned of a deeper connection to Kinmount.

Morgan is the president of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto, a group founded in 1959 to connect together over Iceland's culture, history and language. During the pandemic, the group worked to stay connected despite isolation, and in doing so began sharing stories.

"We gather strength from our stories, that's how we gather resilience," said Morgan. "That's how we all do it and how the Icelanders did it back then, they happened to write down their saga."

Morgan said the pause in busy lives caused people to reach out to their elders, and learn of hardships of the past, and in doing so, the group learned more of those who came before them – including a group of Icelanders who, in attempting to escape economic distress in Iceland in the 1870s, became part of Kinmount's history.

"That's where I learned the story of Kinmount and I've been going there for years," said Morgan.

Last month, members of the Icelandic Canadian Club visited Kinmount to celebrate their annual national day, coming together to learn more about the Icelandic settlement that resulted in disaster, and exploring the area where it happened.

Near the end of September, 1874, a group of almost 400 Icelanders emigrated from Iceland to Canada on a ship called the St.



Members of the Icelandic Canadian Club of Toronto learn more about the *In the Presence of a Soul* monument carved by Gudrun Sigursteinsdóttir Girgis in 2000 to honour those lost in the 1874 failed Icelandic settlement in the area. The club visited the area in June for their annual Icelandic National Day spring picnic event. /Photo by Peter Norman

Patrick that left from Scotland to Quebec, and then a train to emigration sheds in Toronto. From there, many from the group travelled to Kinmount to work on the railway line – arriving by wagon pulled by the great-grandfather of Kinmount's Guy Scott – and attempted to live life in log shanties nearby. While in this area, they worked on constructing the railway trestle bridge over Crego Creek, about two kilometres outside of Kinmount, that still stands today.

"When you walk it, think of our ancestors who walked along that path to come to town for supplies, carrying what they needed over the snow and who lived in crowded shanties," Morgan told the group gathered on June 18.

The Icelanders of Kinmount suffered

through a hard winter, dealing with the poor ventilation and sanitation of the shanties, malnutrition and illness, and though there are stories of the small group of settlers in Kinmount helping the larger group of Icelanders, more than a dozen children and a teenager had died in the group's first weeks in the area, and by spring of 1875 the death toll had doubled. In total, about 40 people of the group of 185 had died within months.

"Many of those who had died were buried along the shores of the Burnt River and the location of their graves were lost, and the memory of the Kinmount tragedy faded into distant memory," Morgan said.

While the shanties are gone, and the grave locations lost, during millennium celebra-

tions in Canada, Don Gislason spent months working through the Ontario archives to locate the names of the people who had arrived in Canada at that time, and sculpture artist Gudrun Sigursteinsdóttir Girgis created the *In the Presence of a Soul* monument erected in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park to honour those who came and died.

"From one view, we see a ship with sails; from another perspective, a mother cradling a child; and from a third angle, a father's strong arm and face looking back to the land left behind," said Morgan.

The group of remaining Icelanders, living in grief, were offered a tract of land in Manitoba.

"They were the group from Kinmount that founded Gimli, and Gimli means in the Icelandic language, their heaven, or their paradise, so they were leaving to go to something that was more hopeful," said Morgan. "I think this is part of a pioneer spirit, it's actually, I think, part of the human spirit: that when you face these really hard times, you also come out with resiliences about having hope again. I think that's what we're seeing, I think that's what was in our village."

Morgan said the town of Kinmount came together to welcome the Icelandic group last month, putting efforts into beautifying the town after the winter, setting up displays and giving tours and thanked villagers including Janice Stange and Ron Claridge and Guy Scott.

"We don't want this hardship but in so many ways it allows for good to come from it," she said. "I loved my Icelandic background but I never really took the time to connect with that story."

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Congrats, 2022 Grads

I'M PROUD of this little newspaper, and the people who do good things that make for the stories that fill it. This week is no exception.

What is exceptional this week, is that the second part of our rather epic graduation section is being published. Last week, we commemorated the students graduating from Archie Stouffer Elementary School, and this week we feature the students graduating from Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and the Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education Centre.

In 2020, with the world still recovering from the initial shock of a global pandemic, our editorial team realized leading up to the end of the school year that for the first time that any of us could remember, there would be no in-person graduation ceremonies to cover. To ensure we celebrated those graduates – whose school life was suddenly and unexpectedly halted as provincial health guidelines closed schools and public gatherings – we partnered with our local schools to share the graduation photo of each student within the pages of our papers. This meant for a colossal effort from our entire newspaper staff and school teams – at the already-busy end of their school year – to organize the materials (thank you!) but it is worth it – our students are worth it. And so, though the world gradually began opening up again, and graduation ceremonies happened in-person this year,

we've continued the section since then.

It means that every graduating student – not just the academically-inclined, not just the star athlete – gets recognized in the pages of their community newspaper. The word 'sonder,' means the realization that each random passerby is living a life as vivid and complex as your own, and each of these students has contributed in some way, many ways, to this community with the support of their teachers, parents, friends and neighbours. Some you might know through their families,

or remember as a child, some you might have been helped by at their part-time job or passed on the street. Some will move on, taking what they've experienced with them, and others will continue the lives they've built here.



SUE TIFFIN
Editor

We hope you take a moment to reflect on the photo or name of each graduate listed in these pages. As we noted in 2020, please celebrate how each of these individuals have grown in this community, some from before their pre-school days until this momentous milestone. Imagine what triumphs and trials and tribulations these students might have faced in their years of study, and offer them applause and a wish for a hopeful future.

We are so proud of these students as they fill our pages with their accomplishment. Congratulations Class of 2022. Do good things and celebrate that you already have. You did it.

Kwarky

You call that a real job?
Why are you still hanging
out with losers? When are
you going to get married,
settle down and have kids?



"We brought your Mom in for questioning."

Oh, what a tangled web we weave

A LOT OF people think that when Sir Walter Scott wrote, "Oh what a tangled web we weave when first we practice to deceive," he was talking about how a single dishonest statement or act can cause an avalanche of serious complications. But I'm pretty sure that modern day politics has dispelled that notion.

I'm no literary expert but I strongly suspect that Sir Walter was just trying his best to warn people about the dangers of fishing in strong winds, like the ones we experienced last weekend.

It makes sense.

After all, fishing is all about deceiving fish with your offerings. Furthermore, anyone who has ever tried to untangle a backlash of line on a baitcasting reel on a really windy day knows what a tangled web is.

Even so, I think Scott's warning would have been heeded more, if his words were a little less flowery and more to the point. Like the errant hooks that anglers often feel on windy days.

If you don't believe me, just walk along any stretch of river or visit any dock when people are fishing on blustery days. You'll soon see fishing lines and lures attached to trees, hydro lines, telephone poles, passing boats, and more. And, if you have the time and inclination, you might even help untangle some of those unfortunate anglers caught and rendered helpless by their own casts.

Of course, it won't be easy. After all, a good gust of wind can play havoc with light fishing lines and even entangle you as you try to render assistance.

How bad can it be? Well, I once thought

I saw several anglers taking part in a group hug. But when I asked about it they told me they had each just decided to have a fly-casting competition in gale force winds. Another time I watched a fellow cast an ultra-light spinning rig against strong winds. That was when I first realized I was probably witnessing what inspired the invention of the boomerang.

Simply put, strong gusts of wind are not an angler's friend. Of course, it would be different if all you ever need to do was cast

downwind. But that is never the case.

For you could get all the way to the upwind side of a lake, so that the whole lake is downwind of you, yet before you could tie on a lure or fly, your boat would have already been blown to the downwind shore, so the casting upwind was your only option.

You might think I am exaggerating. But you try threading fishing line through the eye of a tiny hook while trying to hold onto your hat.

Also, the boat control most anglers have in high winds is the kind of thing that could easily land you on Gilligan's Island.

Despite all of this, anglers (myself included) do not hesitate to try to fish on windy days. I'm not sure what the draw is, although I suspect it might be because we like having another plausible excuse for coming home skunked. Or maybe it just has something to do with the fact that we like our fresh air in big doses.

It doesn't really matter I suppose. What does matter is that eventually the wind ends. And, hopefully, someone realizes you are not in a prolonged group hug.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

Listen to the dark winds

DARK WINDS are blowing. Some real. Some fictional. The real ones are clearly seen. The wild ice storms, droughts and floods of climate change. Ukrainians dying in rainstorms of Russian mortars. Economies shrinking and collapsing under runaway inflation and money markets gone mad.

Bobblehead political leaders nodding and babbling about actions aimed more at re-election than solutions.

The fictional dark winds are in a new television series based on Tony Hillerman's Navajo Tribal Police mystery novels. It premiered in June and another six episodes are scheduled for next year.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

Hillerman, who died in 2008, is one of my favourite authors. So, when I heard about the Dark Winds TV series I pulled one of his novels from my bookshelf, just to refresh my memory.

The novel was *The Dark Wind*, published in 1982. It opens with the discovery of a body near a desert area trail. The bottoms of the hands and feet had been scalped. Jim Chee, a Navajo Tribal Police sergeant, is called in to investigate.

The body was found by a Hopi elder called the Messenger, who was gathering spruce branches for an important tribal religious ceremony. He tells two companions that they must not report the body to the police because that would take people's attention away from preparations for the ceremony.

"Everybody will be thinking about the wrong things," he warns. "They will be thinking of death and anger when they would be thinking only holy thoughts."

And, that's where the fiction blends into reality.

The Messenger says the ceremony must be done properly and without interruption or Sotuknang, the God of creation, will be displeased and punish them. Three times Sotuknang destroyed the world with floods, ice or drought because people ignored his warnings and disobeyed him.

"They [the people] kept going after money, and quarrelling, and gossiping, and forgetting the way of the Road of Life."

Sound familiar? Quarrelling, violence, frenzies over money, are prominent features of life today.

If the Messenger was a real person living today he would say the dark winds we are witnessing are Sotuknang's punishment.

Some might agree; some wouldn't. Many would agree, however, that we are straying from the Road of Life. It might not be the Hopi Road of Life but most of us follow a road or path or way of life dictated by our religions, or cultures.

I believe many of the world's problems are the result of not following what I consider the Way of Nature.

We have forgotten Nature's greatest lesson: all things on this planet – every person, every bird, animal and insect, every river, every tree and every blade of grass – are connected.

When we humans ignore that and do things for ourselves only, we damage other things that are part of the whole.

This is obvious in the documented loss of earth's diversity.

The World Wildlife Federation's 2020 Living Planet Report says the world has seen a 68 per cent drop in mammal, bird, fish, reptile and amphibian populations since 1970.

The International Union for Conservation of Nature now has 41,415 different animals and plants on its Red List of threatened species – 16,306 endangered and facing possible extinction.

Among recent extinctions are the ivory-billed woodpecker (Woody Woodpecker), the western black rhino, the Asian cheetah and the splendid poison frog.

Habitat degradation and destruction are main reasons we are losing so many species. Deforestation for development and lumber, burning fossil fuels, overhunting and overfishing, mining and agriculture are taking away habitat these species must have to survive.

We obviously can't stop living ourselves, but we can begin to start living differently and doing whatever we can to stop impacting other life. That was the message of the Messenger in Hillerman's *The Dark Wind*.

Indigenous cultures have much to offer about living differently, but we refuse to listen.

Tony Hillerman and his novels tell us that we need to listen.

"It's always troubled me that the American people are so ignorant of these rich Indian cultures," he once was quoted in *Publishers Weekly*. "I think it's important to show that aspects of ancient Indian ways are still very much alive and are highly germane even to our ways."

A'he'hee, Tony.



Feasting in a field

Deer make use of a field near a Bobcaygeon Road barn on a late-June morning. /Photo submitted by Guenter Horst

letters to the editor

The best days are spent fishing

To the Editor,

The 2022 Canada Day Kids Fishing Derby is in the books and what a day it was!

We had over 330 kids participate! The excitement and smiles on everyone's faces was truly heartwarming.

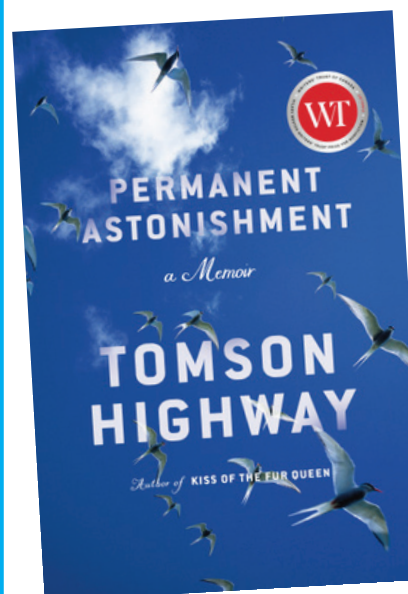
This event was a success because of all the local businesses and families that graciously donated - none of it would have been possible

without them! Our hearts are beyond full and thank you doesn't seem like enough. Thank you to this amazing community, that we get to call home. We were overwhelmed by the generosity you showed.

There's truly nothing like seeing kids laugh and play!

Canada Day Kids Fishing Derby organizers

HCPL's Book of the Month - July



Tomson Highway was born in a snowbank on an island in the sub-Arctic, the eleventh of twelve children in a nomadic, caribou-hunting Cree family. Growing up in a land of ten thousand lakes, Tomson relished dog sled rides beneath a night sky, roasted muskrat tails, and singing country music with his sister. Surrounded by the love of his family and the vast, mesmerizing landscape they called home, his was in many ways an idyllic far-north childhood. But Tomson's parents wanted their two youngest sons, Tomson and René, to enjoy opportunities as big as the world. So when Tomson was six, he was flown south by float plane to attend a residential school. A year later René joined him. In 1990 René Highway, a world-renowned dancer, died of an AIDS-related illness. This book is Tomson's extravagant embrace of his younger brother's final words: "Don't mourn me, be joyful." His memoir offers insights, both hilarious and profound, into the Cree experience of culture, conquest, and survival. It is one of 2022's Evergreen nominees.

Giving back: Wendy Bolt donates hair for fourth time

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Editor

Wendy Bolt devotes much of her time to volunteering in Minden.

Besides being a long-time driver, taking people to medical appointments outside of town, she has also long volunteered at the Minden Legion, where she has recently been made president.

And besides being giving with her time, every four years or so she also makes an effort to share her hair.

This unique form of giving started 12 years ago, in 2010, when Bolt was retiring from teaching. Throughout her life, she'd known many people – university peers, former students, family members, including her mom – to be diagnosed with cancer, and so when she retired, she told her colleagues she didn't want a retirement party. Instead, she wanted people to donate to the Canadian Cancer Society.

"It's always been around me," said Bolt. "Cancer's everywhere, it's so prevalent."

In return for donations, she would shave her head – with about 28 inches of hair being donated toward the society's efforts to make wigs for people undergoing hair loss due to cancer treatment.

"It was in July that it happened," she recalls. "One of the secretaries where I worked, her husband was a hairdresser, so I arranged for him to come. I had it done at work, outside, and raised over \$10,000 for the cancer society."

Four years later, Bolt was on the executive of the Minden Legion, and the building needed a new floor. Remembering the success of the last campaign, Bolt volunteered to shave her head again, and the Bald for the Building Campaign was formed, with several thousand dollars for the renovation effort raised at a Canada Day booth in Minden.

About four years later, Bolt decided to do it again, this time



Wendy Bolt laughs as her dad, Ted Gough, puts the finishing touches on her shaved head with his razor. Every few years, Bolt donates her hair to organizations that create wigs for people undergoing cancer treatment. /Photo submitted

without the fundraising but in a show of support for a family member who had breast cancer, and whose kids were strugg-

ling as their mom lost her hair.

This year, Bolt has shaved her hair again – with help from her hairdresser, her 90-year-old dad – to donate 20 inches of it to Just Between Friends, a wig, mastectomy and bra boutique based in London, Ontario.

"I don't like talking about myself, but I want to encourage other people to help others," said Bolt. "People think this is weird that I do it maybe, I don't know, but to me it's no big deal. It's just hair. But it means so much to the person receiving it."

Bolt said because this time the hair might be used in a child's wig, she was asked to separate it into smaller sections. Hair – at least six inches – needs to air dry, and not be dyed ("It has to be coloured by Mother Nature, I say," laughed Bolt), then wrapped in tissue paper and sent to the organization.

Bolt said in her eight years of medical driving with the cancer society and Community Support Services, and through friends and family who have received wigs, she knows the importance of being involved in the donation program.

"A lot of people want to be private about it, but when they start to lose their hair, they can't anymore – it's a real visible thing," said Bolt. "I drive a chemo patient now, every two weeks. His hair's just starting to come back. Yesterday he saw me, and he said, mine's not as long as yours yet but mine's just started to grow again. We kind of had a chuckle about it. It's such a personal thing for people."

Bolt said she encourages others to help in whatever way they can, especially at a time when so many individuals and volunteer-based organizations are in need.

"We should be kind to each other," she said. "We've all been through a terrible time these last three years, people need help. Little acts of kindness are huge, they really can be huge for somebody. Being positive is a powerful thing – as we know, being negative is a powerful thing, too. It's so easy to be negative, but if we can try to do positive things, that really makes a difference. Even the little things make a difference."

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Ali Powell, as the new governess, Maria Rainer, to the von Trapp children, teaches them the song *Do-Re-Me*, one of the many popular songs in the Highlands Summer Festival production of *The Sound of Music*. The children are played by River Christiano, Tommy Griffith, Ella Gooley, Duncan Evans-Fockler, Brooke Gooley, Evelyn Mardus and Penelope Irvine.

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Graduates

School board trustee's message

It is my privilege and honour as your Haliburton County trustee to speak at today's celebration of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates.

Let me give a huge shout out to the entire Red Hawk family that works so tirelessly here every day. Principal Boulay and vice-principal Mills for their leadership, the teaching staff for their unwavering commitment to excellence in making sure student achievement was their number one priority. To all the support staff, you are the engine of the school that makes everything work. Your tireless commitment is priceless – thank you.

Red Hawk graduates, congratulations on reaching this milestone. It hasn't been easy, however your tenacity, dedication and perseverance got you here. Now it's time for a new exciting journey. Red Hawks, this diploma is yours and no one can ever take it away.

Graduates, I want you to know that there is another unofficial diploma that will aid you on your new journey and it's called "Common Sense." Everyone knows about Common Sense, but sometimes it's hard to act out. My mother and dad lived on a dairy farm and had Grade 8 education, but they both had a PhD in Common Sense. They taught me this simple analogy: When you see an opportunity and feel it's right – see it as a green light – step on the gas and GO. When you see something that you know is wrong – see it as a red light – say, no. Do what is right, make good choices, you all know right from wrong – it's Common Sense.

Lastly:

Use your voice to make positive change – the issues before you are numerous and it is now your time to make change happen – silence is not good enough.

Cultivate gratitude in your daily routine – concentrate on feeling grateful. Simply feeling thankful and saying, thank you for what you have will lead you to a happier, more satisfying and healthier life.

Your parents are a wealth of wisdom, knowledge and experience – ask for their advice, it's free – don't shut them out, be open and honest.

Red Hawks, I am so proud to be a member of the Red Hawk family – wishing health, happiness and greatness.

Enjoy your celebration.
Gary Brohman, Trustee

Valedictorian's message

Hello, everyone and welcome to the ceremony for the HHSS graduating class of 2022! First off, I'd like to give a huge thanks to the platform party and graduation steering community for making all this possible. I'd like to start this off by appreciating the fact that we were finally able to hold our first in-person graduation after three very overwhelming years. We are truly lucky to be here, physically, today, and I'd like to thank every single one of you who helped make this possible.

I'd like to thank all of the wonderful teachers who have provided us with a lifetime of knowledge; who stayed up late at night marking tests so we wouldn't complain about wanting to know what our mark was for days on end. And of course, a huge thank you to the amazing EAs, administrative staff, and support staff who have worked tirelessly among us, ensuring we'd make it across this very stage one day. Let's not forget the cafeteria workers who would always stuff your lunch to the brim with popcorn chicken and fries, the custodians who had to clean up after the Grade 9s who haven't quite mastered trash cans yet, or the bus drivers who drove us through blizzards and thunderstorms to get us here. We see you and we appreciate you. Thank you so much for everything you did for us over the years.

And before I continue, a special shout-out goes to the class of 2022. Every single one of you should be immensely proud of yourselves. I've seen an incredible amount of perseverance and kindness from you all, and I feel both privileged and honoured to call each and every one of you my peers, let alone be nominated as your valedictorian. I am astonished to be standing here today, on our graduation stage, with all of

you. I remember getting into high school, the first day of the first class, and immediately writing it off because I had gym. I remember thinking how gruelling the next four years were sure to be.

But to my absolute delight, these last few years have been some of the best years of my life. I think I speak for all of us when I say that it definitely went by faster than anticipated. I thought Mr. Boulay was insane for saying that it'll go in the blink of an eye. But here we are, some 25 million blinks later.

We're graduating! We are done high school and on to the next episode of our lives. We have been reading a predetermined book for the last 18 years, and with your diploma, you finally get a pen to write with. Just think about how jealous our indignant younger selves would feel if they could see the freedoms we will

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduates clap for bagpiper Andrew Mansfield after arriving at their seats at the graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 29. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

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encounter once we leave this stage.

All of us have been through a lot the past few years, and a lot of that stuff was definitely much lesser than ideal. But we all made it. We made it through the disastrous complications the world threw at us and I think that is cause for celebration. We made it through COVID, online school, education cuts, and so much more.

But let's not forget all of the enjoyable memories made in this place, because at the end of the day that's what we're going to reflect on years into the future.

Let's remember going for walks in the forest in Mr. Klose's science class. Let's remember the war reenactments in Mr. Longo's history, and of course making the most hilarious school projects Mr. Collins has ever seen. Let's remember all of the various school events, the many spirit days, buy-out days, the damn entertaining *Beauty and the Beast* performance, and countless others.

I think I can speak for many of you when I say Mr. Collins and Mrs. Darling having a dance battle at semi-formal was definitely a highlight of my high school career. Prom and the pizza party that followed is of course, also up there.

A lot of us have had some epiphanies over the last few months. We are watching our friends grow up, get their licences, get into jobs and schools, and all the while being aware that we may not see each other for some time after today. We've all somehow had to come to the realization that we are not coming back to the same school with the same people as we have been most of our lives. It all happened so fast, one moment I was procrastinating my Grade 9 book report and the next it was university applications.

No matter how your high school experience played out, one thing is common for all of us; it's all going to get turned on its head after tonight. It wouldn't be doing our high school years justice without talking about the 1000-pound elephant that stepped on our heels over almost three years - COVID. We had to do online school and learn to teach ourselves while also learning the stuff we're being taught. And I think we did a great job ... at realizing that our marks couldn't drop and not doing any more work.

In all seriousness, we've been through a lot lately, a pandemic, wars, political turmoil, and the tragic loss of getting free spray jet drinks on Fridays.

I know it will be a hard and strenuous transition, everything is changing and it's a lot to take at once. But I know every single person in this room's passion and their strength, and I know we are all more than



Valedictorian Ethan Volochkov addresses his peers at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 29. Ethan achieved honours all throughout high school, and never failed to enjoy hanging out with his friends every weekend. He will be taking a gap year to work, and he will be studying mathematical physics at the University of Ottawa the following year. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

ready for whatever else the world may have in store for us.

If we can get through living in a pandemic starting at the ripe age of 15, we can truly do anything. We have not only been able to develop the skills we need to overcome our challenges at HHSS, the grit, determination, and the ability to learn from and embrace our mistakes. But we are all incredibly strong individuals, and I

know we will never let anyone or anything put us in a box.

Perseverance is among one of the most common things to rant about in a speech, and I think that's fitting. It's an impressive thing to be able to keep trying even though everything around you is crumbling down. And we did it. We stayed strong through the trials and tribulations we found ourselves, and soon we'll make

it across to the other side. We did not have a typical high school experience.

It is safe to say we faced unprecedented challenges that nobody really knew how to deal with. Kurt Cobain once said, "The sun is gone, but I have a light."

No matter how you've managed to pull yourselves through these challenges, first off let me say, I'm jealous because I'm still figuring out how to get through them, but, secondly, you made them your own.

When the world took things from you, instead of giving in, you adapted, you evolved and made a bad situation a little more bearable. And we should all be proud of that. When you look around you do not see just your peers, you see your friends, people you admire, people you wish you were closer with, and maybe people you wish you were a little less close with. You see a group of people who went through a lot of change in the last three years and still managed to pull a good high school experience out of it.

After spending years being in the same building with the same people, going through the same crazy things you grow to have a sense of camaraderie for the other people in their situation, and I can see that in this room today. Even when we were out of school for years it seemed like, you would still be hard pressed to feel alone in a breakout room with three other people who are also not doing the homework.

High school looks different for everyone, obviously nobody is going to have the same experience, and that's absolutely wonderful. It is a beautiful thing to grow and mature alongside your peers, regardless of whether or not you grow in the same direction. While we will always be Red Hawks at heart, it's time for more. We may be Red Hawks, but we're also plumbers, teachers, athletes, mechanics, scientists, lawyers, and limitless other things.

Much like the disease we've been plagued with for most of our high school career, your options are intimidating. Whether you have a 10-year plan, or you have absolutely zero concept of what life outside of high school will look like for you, I know we will all go on to do great things, whatever they may be. It is time to spread our wings and fly Red Hawks!!!

Thank you all for listening, thank you all for being here, thank you parents for helping your kids with homework, thank you to teachers for helping us after school, and thank you, especially, to all of us; we made it folks. You should all be extremely proud of yourselves, have a great night, and again, thank you.

Ethan Volochkov, Valedictorian

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Haliburton Highlands Secondary School Graduates

Principal's address to graduates

Parents, friends, distinguished guests, members of our platform party, colleagues, and most importantly – graduates. It is my pleasure to be able to provide a few remarks this evening. J'ai l'honneur et le privilège de partager mon message avec les diplômés, la faculté et la communauté.

Graduates – before I leave you with a few reflections and a challenge, first I must thank and recognize a number of people.

As Mrs. Boisvert, Mr. Brohman, Dr. Lilius and Ms. Stephens have so eloquently stated a few moments ago, this is an evening to remember. But before I continue, let us thank those who have spent so many hours preparing this evening's ceremony: to the members of our grad planning committee, office staff, the many teaching staff, support staff, members of our scholarship committee, and our custodians. Without you, this celebration would not be possible. Well done.

Graduates, you will soon walk across the stage and accept one of the most important documents you may ever receive: your high school diploma. After four or five years of high school, we celebrate your achievements and are witness to you being honoured. It has long been known that the high school diploma is one of the greatest equalizers in society and you have earned it!

Graduates, this is my 20th graduation as an administrator and my 17th as a principal. But I'm not sharing that to try and explain the hair loss or the greying of what is left, but rather to highlight this graduation as one of the more special ones. As a principal entering a new school, that first Grade 9 class to cross the stage as a graduating class is an important and sentimental one. You and I entered this great learning institution in the fall of 2018, and since then, you have allowed me to grow and learn alongside you in fun times, and challenging ones. Times when we've agreed and disagreed.

I know that I speak on behalf of this entire school community when I say that I am very proud of this graduating class. This evening is one for you to cherish forever, much like I will, with your friends, families and loved ones all likely watching with pride, in this gym and Facebook live!, sharing this moment with you and celebrating the close of a chapter of over 13 years of school and the start of new opportunities, challenges and adventures.

While graduation is a serious ceremony, seeing as though this is our first in-person grad since June 2019, we expect to hear some noise now and again. And graduates, you will soon become Red Hawk alumni! Remember to model our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility each and every day. We are counting on you and you represent our proud future. Changemakers.

The generous donors, families and organizations across our proud county have yet again raised the bar with their acts of kindness and goodwill in support for our graduates, despite the current economic pressures thrust upon all of us in the last 30 months. Even in these challenging and uncertain times, all sectors of Haliburton County have given generously to recognize our graduates and to assist them in pursuing their post-secondary dreams and other future pursuits. On behalf of the graduates, staff and parents, I wish to thank every organization, business and individual who have contributed funds to our successful students. These generous actions exemplify the spirit of rewarding, recognizing and honouring success, grit, perseverance and determination.



Grace Hudson was the recipient of the Lieutenant Governor's Award for Community Service. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff

May our award winners tonight humbly receive their honours and recognitions that they so justly deserve.

Graduates, these next few minutes are meant for you ...

At some point this evening, turn to that parent, family member, or friend that have all played integral roles in supporting you over the years. Hug them. Heck you might even kiss them, but in the end be so very sure to thank these key people this evening for without them, some obstacles would have seemed impossible to overcome.

Graduates, I want the message you hear from me tonight to be one of acceptance. For we know that over the years, and certainly the last three, we have learned to be accepting of fate and circumstances that we have little control over. That in the last two years, as we co-learned and unlearned ideas about equity, justice, diversity and inclusion that we have all grown in being accepting peoples. Grads, you can be sure that our world will continue to be filled with strife, war, sickness, injustices and opinion. But again - be accepting. Be accepting of others' views. To be accepting of viewpoints doesn't mean you concede and agree. It is that you confidently retain your stance and that in turn, others' respect and accept you. I want you to think about your high school journey over the last four years and how your teachers, EAs, office staff, counsellors and custodians have prepared you to be changemakers. There is that word again. Changemakers. You will recall how you entered Grade 9 and how you are leaving us today. I want you to reflect on the difficulties you've encountered and how you triumphed, whether it be with friendships, relationships, loss, shortened sports seasons, a pandemic, online and in-person. To paraphrase American novelist Truman Capote: Be accepting of failure as it truly adds flavour to when we taste success.

Our credo of respect, commitment and responsibility

will serve you well. But the sometimes quiet intangible of acceptance will feed those values. Be grateful for human connections, accept others and others' realities, but maintain your stance and confidence. Remember that acceptance does not mean agreement. And that agreement does not mean acceptance.

Again, you are our world's changemakers. Our next set of voices. Continue to dream and explore. It will be up to you to make your voices heard. We will need to lean on you to bring us change, hope, happiness and a better tomorrow.

You might not know your destinations this evening. But you'll figure it out. While time is a dimension, it can be your friend. As Maya Angelou once said: "The horizon leans forward, offering you space to place new steps of change." She also said: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

I mentioned that I would have a few reflections for you to think about, and a challenge. I've actually left you with two challenges: One is to embrace acceptance and the other is to have an impact. Think not about the next 30 hours or 30 months. Think about where you want to be 30 years from now and what positive impact you've had on others and the positive impact you've had on them.

Now, graduates, we are about to look upon you proudly as the newest class of HHSS alumni. We wish you productive, happy futures filled with laughter. Dare to be different. Red Hawks, go safely, walk proudly because you have earned the privilege of joining the ranks of graduates of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School.

Thank you. Merci. Miigwetch.

Chris Boulay, Principal



Class of 2022



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Kristina Barry



Jacob Beers



Cole Boisvert



Nate Boore



Katy Booth



Kylie Brohm



Emily Bucek



Savannah Byers



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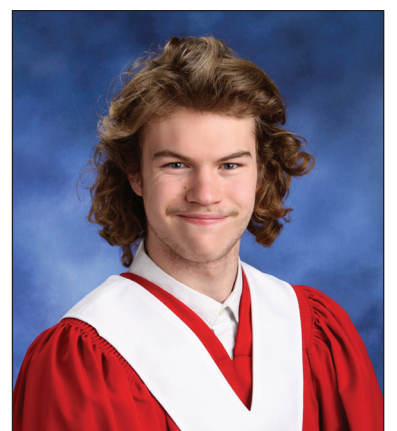
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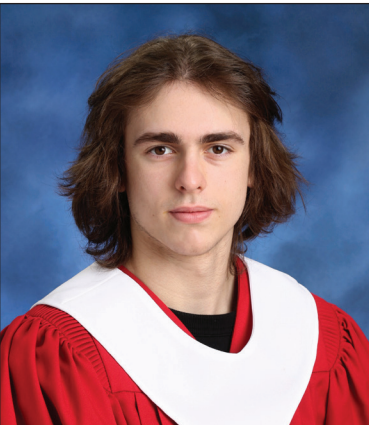
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Colin Glecoff



Andrew Hagopian



Rayan Hajeb Sadehkar



Callum Harris



Fiona Higgins



Aiden Hill



Ezra Hill



Rachel Holtzman



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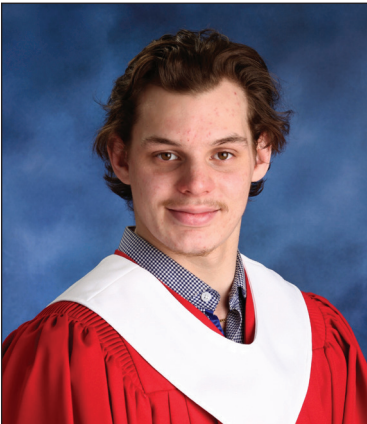
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HHSS Honours and Awards 2022

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School Letters

Savannah Byers, Cassidy McMullen-Szpik, Emma Miller, Crystal Petry, Ava Smith, Isabella Smolen, Brooke Stover, Jackson Wilson

Governor General's Academic Medal

Courtney Semach

Lieutenant Governor's Award for Community Service

Grace Hudson

Specialist High Skills Major, Hospitality and Tourism

Kylie Brohm, Rayan Hajeb Sadehkar, Rachel Holtzman, Mackayla Kirk, Jordan Kovacs, Galexie MacKenzie, Emma Paterson, Santana Rivers, Hailee Rogers, Aleaha West

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Gerrit Kooistra, Olivia Melle, Curtis Mulock, Kellsi Packard, Nicholas Pamplin, Keenan Ryan, Zachary Tompkins, Tegan Wood

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Technological Education Certificate

Awarded to students who have pursued a concentrated study in technology by completing a minimum of five (5) credits in Technology Education.

Nate Boore, Kylie Brohm, Sydney Christian, Denver Davidson-Blakey, Lily Davies, Anthony Davis, Nick Daw, Andrew Hagopian, Rayan Hajeb Sadehkar, McKenna Johnston, Mackayla Kirk, Galexie MacKenzie, Kolby McGovern, Braedon Miller, Dawson Mueller, Curtis Mulock, Kellsi Packard, Nicholas Pam-



The School Letter recipients are Savannah Byers, from left, Cassidy McMullen-Szpik, Bella Smolen, Jackson Wilson, Emma Miller, Crystal Petry, Ava Smith and Brooke Stover. /VIVIAN COLLINGS

plin, Caleb Parker, Emma Paterson, Santana Rivers, Hailee Rogers, Lucas Tomlinson, Will Vick, Aleaha West

Business Studies Certificate

Awarded to students who have pursued a concentrated study in business by completing a minimum of five (5) credits in Business Education.

No award recipients this year.

Honour Society

Cole Boisvert, Kylie Brohm, Savannah Byers, Kiera Casey, Jocelyn Chumbley, William Craftchick, Corin Gervais, Colin Glecoff, Aiden Hill, Ezra Hill, Grace Hudson, Olivia Johnson, McKenna Johnston, Scott King, Hannah Lewis, Cassidy McMullen-Szpik, Braedon Miller, Emma Miller, Harmony Moher, Alyssa Morissette, Nicholas Pamplin, Crystal Petry, Ben Pilcher, Courtney Semach, Ava Smith, Isabella Smolen, Brooke Stover, Emma Thompson, Olivia Villamere, Ethan Volochkov, Nikita Watson, Gracyn Whitehead, Jackson Wilson, Hunter Winder

To be eligible for Honour Roll you must have an average of 80 per cent or higher in your top six senior courses taken in your graduating year (they do not all have to be Grade 12 courses). If you have achieved Honours in all four years at HHSS, you become a member of the Honour Society. To be eligible for Ontario Scholar you must have an average of 80 per cent or higher in your top six Grade 12 courses, no matter what year they are taken in.

Awards and Scholarships

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Recipient: Emma Paterson

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Recipient: Emmeline Duffy

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Donor: Canadian Parents for French, Haliburton Chapter
Recipient: Hannah Lewis

Canadian Parents for French - Extended French Award
Donor: Canadian Parents for French, Haliburton Chapter
Recipient: Aiden Hill

Cooperative Education Program Award
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Recipient: Courtney Semach

Dale Robinson Award
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Recipient: Grace Hudson

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Recipient: Nicholas Phippen

Dawson Hamilton Memorial Award
Donor: Matthew Duchene
Recipient: Scott King

Derek Little Leadership Award
Donor: The Mitchell Family
Recipient: Nicholas Pamplin

Edge Imaging Highlander Yearbook Award
Donor: Edge Imaging
Recipient: McKenna Johnston

Environmental Leadership Award
Donor: Paul and Sharon Morissette
Recipient: Curtis Mulock

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Donor: Minden Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police
Recipients: Nicholas Phippen & Ava Smith

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Recipient: Jocelyn Chumbley

Extended French Award
Donor: Cleve and Liane Roberts
Recipients: Corin Gervais & Ezra Hill

F.D. Herlihey Memorial Award
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Recipient: Corin Gervais

HHSS Honours and Awards 2022

G. Craig Saunders Award for 3E/4E Math

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Recipient: Braedon Miller

Gary G. Brohman Award for Student Leadership

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Recipients: Crystal Petry & Darian Willis

Gloria Lemieux Award

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Recipients: Kiera Casey, Isabella Smolen, Emma Thompson & Ethan Volochkov

Good Samaritan Award

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Recipient: Rayan Hajeb Sadehkar

Guitar Programme Award

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Recipient: William Craftchick

Haliburton County Folk Society Award

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Recipient: Myles Sharp

Haliburton County Food for Kids Award

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Recipient: Mackayla Kirk

Haliburton County Road Supervisors' Association Mathematics Award

Donor: Road Supervisors' Association of Haliburton County

Recipient: Emma Paterson

Haliburton Legion Award For Communications Technology (Yearbook)

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Recipient: McKenna Johnston

Haliburton Legion Award

Donor: Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 129

Recipient: Olivia Villamere

Haliburton Lumber Award

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Recipient: Kellsie Packard

Healthy Active Living Department Leadership Award

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Recipients: Brooke Stover & Jackson Wilson



Haliburton Highlands Secondary School graduate Courtney Semach is congratulated by Trillium Lakelands District School Board trustee Gary Brohman after receiving the Governor General's Academic Medal.

HHSS Authentic Leadership Award

Donor: Nick Evans

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HHSS Science Department Award For Science

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Recipient: Ava Smith

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Recipient: Alyssa Whitaker

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Recipient: Braedon Miller

Stuart W. Baker Memorial Award

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YEAR Four Drama Award

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YEAR Four English Award

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Recipient: Emma Paterson

Year Four Hospitality and Tourism Award

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Recipient: Emma Paterson

Year Four Music Award

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Recipient: William Craftchick



AAEC Graduates and Awards 2022

School board trustee's message

It's my privilege and honour as your Haliburton County trustee to speak at today's celebration of adult and alternate education graduates at the Leonard Salvatore School.

Let me give a shout out to administrator Lori Sargent for her leadership. Also, to all the teachers and support staff for your commitment to student achievement, well-being and personal growth. It has not been easy these last two years and your tenacity, dedication and perseverance is celebrated by the entire AAEC family.

Graduates, stand tall – you earned a Grade 12 diploma that is your gateway to a new journey – congratulations!

Graduates, my message to you is to continue the fight for excellence. Your journey wasn't easy, however, you overcame every hurdle with your hard work and steadfast desire to reach your goal. The relationships with your teachers and family is monumental to you receiving this diploma. The lesson learned here through the winding road you travelled is to keep building trustworthy relations and good things will happen.

Graduates, here are some thoughts to take with you on your new journey: When the going gets tough, the tough get going – get right back up and meet the new challenge once again.

Cultivate gratitude in your daily routine – concentrate on feeling grateful – simply feeling thankful and saying, thank you for what you have will lead you to a more satisfying and happier life.

Use your voice to make positive change – the issues before you are numerous and it's now your time to make change happen – silence is not good enough.

Enjoy your celebration.
Gary Brohman, trustee



Patrishia Schmid won the Principal's Award.

Awards

Principal's Award
Patrishia Schmid

OSSTF Awards

Post Secondary Award: Evan Klatt

Academic Award: Lucy Neville (Ontario Scholar)

Achievement Award: Nicole Tobin

CUPE 997 Awards

Co-op Experiential Award: Dakota Mahler

Achievement Award: Nicole Tobin

Post Secondary Entrepreneurial Award:

Emma Crowe

Joshua Rewa Award: Malia Kessler

We are also proud to announce the Rewa Family has created a Joshua Rewa Bursary and the recipient will be announced soon.



The Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education Centre celebrated 24 students as they received their Ontario Secondary School diplomas on Tuesday, June 28 at McKeck's Tap and Grill in Haliburton. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Valedictorian, Jenna Gray.



The Haliburton Adult and Alternate Education Centre graduates celebrated their graduation on Tuesday, June 28.

Valedictorian's message

It's hard to believe we have made it this far! WE DID IT!

First, I would like to thank everyone who has helped each one of us, in some way, get to where we are today. A special thank you to Lori for being so understanding and for helping me accomplish the rest of my credits while everyday life was beginning to set me behind. A big thanks to Greg for always answering any question we had and always trying to help us students. Thank you, Kathy. I know how hard you work and how stressful it is before graduation. We all appreciate what you do!

Thank you to the parents, family and friends for shaping us into the people we are. For standing by us when we had our rough days and we challenged everyone around us.

Please, grads, give everyone a round of applause to our supporting friends and family.

School shapes us. No matter your background, experience, or attendance, everyone has stories that they will always remember and hopefully cherish. Regardless of how much time we spent in the school building, there are still many memories and friendships that we made, that will not be forgotten. We will always carry a part of our time spent here with us wherever we go. We've grown and matured and learned about independence and the importance of time management – which I am still trying to nail down ... I wrote this speech in the car.

Some learning experiences may include that every action has some sort of consequence; good, or not the best, or dismal. Like many others, I take comfort in what

I know, and fear the unknown and what is yet to come.

Whether we choose post-secondary school or start working, we are beginning our lives as adults. For our adult graduates, you are expanding your opportunities and choosing to take the next steps in your lives. We all had something that brought us to the AAEC, and while our reasons may differ, we all had the same goal. We are launching our futures today. We already know that life has twists and turns, and the future will not be any different. We will make decisions, good or bad, and learn from them. We know some days are about making memories and that is just as valuable as any work we may need to do. We have depended on our support systems and know that value of connectedness, of keeping those we love and appreciate close to us. We know that we can solve any problem easier if we work together, than if we do not.

Remember those pieces of your life that you hold dear. The ones that put a smile on your face. Build heartfelt memories and enjoy all the lessons as we need them to grow to our full potential.

If there is anything I can take from the past couple of years, it is that breaking out of our comfort zone can be rewarding, no matter how terrifying. Believe in yourself, know you can do it, and remember the success of today.

Congratulations to everyone and good luck in the years to come.

Jenna Gray

Archie Stouffer Elementary School Kinder Graduates



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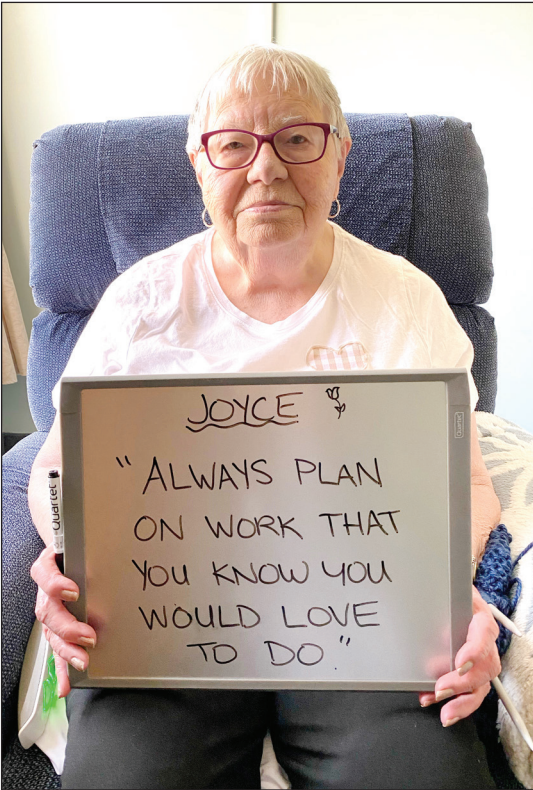
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Words of wisdom and advice for the graduates

Residents at Hyland Crest share their guidance with the graduating class of 2022.



Photos submitted by Brittany Burton at Hyland Crest

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Fun By The Numbers

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

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Answers on page 24



Jordyn Turcotte and Colton Broughton of Whitby race minnows at the Minden Legion minnow race event, as Legion members Bruce Ford and Ben Carr watch for a winner.



Canada Day celebrations return

The much-appreciated, volunteer-run annual kids fishing derby had more than 330 kids register for the Canada Day morning event and more than 100 sponsors that donated prizes, money for prizes, fishing rods to use that day, and 80 containers of worms. The top three anglers were Owen Esteve, Cole Fielding and Jack Clement. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



Annabelle and Madelyn Hutson of Minden celebrated the day with fun that included cupcakes provided by the township of Minden Hills.



Rev. Canon Joan Cavanaugh-Clark does a little turn on the catwalk during the St. Paul's Anglican Church Canada Day fashion show highlighting great finds from the church thrift store on Invergordon Ave.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING Wednesday, July 27th, 2021 6:00 p.m.

SIRCH will be hosting its AGM virtually on July 27th at 6:00 p.m. The meeting agenda will include the Auditor's Report, Election of Directors, Appointment of Auditor.

Members of the public are invited to attend. Please contact us for the meeting invitation.

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The Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands is submitting a By-law, to the Registrar of the Funeral, Burial, and Cremation Services Act, 2002, that will repeal and replace By-law 2013-36 being a By-law to regulate cemeteries in the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

Any interested parties may contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk, 705-489-2379 ext. 333 or email dnewhook@algonquinhighlands.ca for more information, or to receive a copy of the proposed By-law.

The By-law may be reviewed or copied at the Township's Administration Office at 1123 North Shore Road, Algonquin Highlands.

The proposed By-law will also be available on the Municipal website at <https://www.algonquinhighlands.ca/residents/cemeteries.php>

The By-law is subject to the approval of the Registrar, Funeral, Burial and Cremation Services Act, 2002. Telephone: Bereavement Authority of Ontario, 647-483-2645 or 1-844-493-6356

Dated this 6th day of July, 2022.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Applicant: Bailey, Foster & Poncelot, Fedeski & Bromley, Fedeski, Philip
Lot 12, Concession 1
Geographic Township of Stanhope

WHEREAS the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands has declared part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, in the geographic Township of Stanhope, in the Township of Algonquin Highlands, County of Haliburton, to be surplus.

TAKE NOTICE that the Council of the Municipal Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands proposes to enact a By-Law to stop-up, close and convey to the abutting property owner(s) that part of the original shore road allowance in front of Lot 12, Concession 1, described as all and singular that certain parcel or tract of land and premises situate, lying and being in the Geographic Township of Stanhope, in the County of Haliburton and being composed of the following:

FIRSTLY: THAT part of Lot 12, Concession 1, described as Parts 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 on a Plan deposited in the Registry Office for the Registry Division of Haliburton County as Plan 19R-10622.

The proposed By-Law will come before the said Council for consideration at its regular meeting at the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office, 1123 North Shore Road, on the 21st day of July, 2022 and at that time, the Council will hear in person or by his/her counsel, solicitor or agent any person who claims that his/her land will be prejudicially affected and who applies to be heard. Any person who wishes to be heard by Council regarding this proposed closure must contact the Clerk to schedule a delegation with Council.

Dated: July 6th, 2022

Sean O'Callaghan
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Canada Day, continued

Wild Ontario presented two Birds of Prey shows - one in the morning, one in the afternoon, in Nature's Place at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

Many swapped red for orange on July 1

by VIVIAN COLLINGS
Times Staff

While seas of people wearing red and white could be seen at numerous Canada Day celebrations across the county, many chose to stay home and wear orange to honour the people who first inhabited the land.

This past Friday, July 1 marked 155 years since the Dominion of Canada was established and the country became a self-governing nation within the British Empire.

Riley Maracle, a Haliburton County resident who identifies as Indigenous, explained how the meaning of Canada Day has shifted for him as he's gotten older.

"I think growing up [Canada Day] was celebrated more in our house because we were happy where we lived, but as time's gone on and I've gotten older, I've learned more and more about who came up with the day," Maracle said. "Now, I more so use it as a time to reflect and understand that July 1, 1867 wasn't the day that Canada was founded, it was just when a label was put on it by settlers. I reflect and remember my ancestors who suffered as a result."

Indigenous peer navigator at Point in Time Centre for Youth, Children, and Parents, Ashley Wilson, said that Canadians should recognize that the idea of celebrating on July 1 is difficult for many Indigenous people and allies.

"This country was built on the goal of relinquishing the land from it's original inhabitants, and acknowledging this history and the lasting impacts it continues to have on Indigenous people today is important," Wilson said.

September 30 is the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation in Canada and is also known as Orange Shirt Day. It is a statutory holiday for Canadians to wear orange in recognition of the dark legacy of the Canadian Indian Residential School System.

The Residential School System, funded by the Canadian government, took over 150,000 Indigenous children from their homes from the 1870s until the last one closed in 1996 with the intention of destructing their culture through attempted assimilation into Canadian society.

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

Report estimates that there are around 3,200 unmarked graves, most of which belong to children, at past residential school sites.

Haliburton resident Erin Lynch's favourite colour is red, but she wears orange on both July 1 and September 30 to honour and remember Indigenous people who have faced hardship as a result of the colonization of Canada.

"On Canada Day, many people celebrate how great it is to be Canadian, but I think we need to acknowledge Canada's tumultuous relationship with Indigenous people, whether its colonialism, residential schools, or the continued systemic racism that exists today," Lynch said.

Wilson said that Canada Day celebrations also put her in a difficult position.

"While I am grateful for many freedoms and opportunities this country has given me, I must acknowledge the privilege that I have as a white-passing Indigenous woman for allowing me that," she said.

As an Indigenous peer navigator, Wilson sees the struggles that Indigenous populations face first-hand while providing outreach to the community, and she chooses to wear orange on July 1.

She said, "Compared to the non-Indigenous population, Indigenous people in Canada have shorter life expectancies, lower incomes, lower education levels, lower employment rates, struggle with food insecurity, and many don't have access to safe drinking water. How do I celebrate a country where there is a sliding scale of who has access to services?"

Maracle said that the best thing that Canadians can do to better honour Indigenous people on July 1 and beyond is to take the time to learn about past and present Indigenous issues like residential schools and the fact that many reserves have never had clean drinking water.

"It's about taking the time to learn, understand, and figure out what has happened in the past. It's important to educate yourself and others on this day," he said.

Wilson said that land acknowledgements are a step in the right direction, but are only the beginning.

"It is the positive actions of the people in this country that will allow us to move towards reconciliation."



Mikka Jones, of Ottawa, visited Canada Day celebrations in Minden with his grandma, Dysart et al Mayor Andrea Roberts, where he got both a free tattoo and a high five from Minden Hills firefighter Danielle Bryer.



Hundreds of people visited Canada Day festivities in Minden, a return to an event celebrating the holiday after a two-year pause of in-person events due to the pandemic.



A Kushog Lake Property Owners Association Canada Day boat parade took place on July 1 and featured a huge Canadian flag that has made an appearance on the lake over the past few Canada Days. "Everyone watches for it," said Carol Puttock, who took this photo. "The boat parade was a first for us but I fully expect it was the 'first annual' for our lake. A lot of hard work by board member Susan Harvey to make it happen ... but I think it is good that the lake association can organise events for the enjoyment of the lake, as well as our usual work of monitoring the health of the lake." / Photo submitted by Carol Puttock

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GENERATIONS

Outdoor adventures and summer updates from EarlyON

We recently enjoyed another adventure at Abbey Gardens, and it was a fantastic morning outside. After visiting and feeding the chickens (always a highlight) we headed to the story tent. Irene read us *Over in the Garden* and the children helped count the creatures on each page of the book. After that, everyone had fun playing an insect matching game in the garden, making and eating bugs on a log, and creating a bug crown. Many families finished their morning at the Enchanted Forest, after saying hello to the horses along the way. It's always a great outdoor learning experience at Abbey Gardens and we hope to return in the fall.

Our Haliburton Centre located at J.D. Hodgson School is undergoing a renovation this summer. As a result, there will be a location change while renovations take place. The drop-in program will be at the Haliburton Legion; Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 10 a.m. to noon. We are hopeful to be back in our new space in September, which will have our own entrance and washroom! Stay tuned for more information in August about our re-opening at JDHES.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's speech and language,

or would like a screening, staff from the HKPR District health unit will be visiting our Kinmount program at the community centre on July 11. Come to play and to learn more about your child's development. On July 25, Point in Time will also be visiting the program in Kinmount to share information about the services they offer to families.

A big change occurred to our Play and Learn programs this month - they are now 'drop in.' There is no need to register in advance for our regularly scheduled programs. This change has provided the flexibility families need and also increases opportunities for families to join the fun at our centres.

We look forward to seeing you over the coming months, and wish you a safe and enjoyable summer season.

For more information, or Zoom schedules, visit us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/oeyc.haliburtonvictoriabrock, our website at www.oeyc.ca or call 705-324-7900. We love to connect with families!

*Submitted by Julie Bosker
EarlyON Child and Family
Centre Program co-ordinator*



The children enjoyed petting and feeding the horses at Abbey Gardens. One of the horses is named Flapjack! /Photos by Julie Bosker



William McCullough and Millie Moulton, both 2.5, enjoy some "lunch" in the outdoor kitchen area of the Enchanted Forest.



Charlotte Hunter plays the drums in the Enchanted Forest.



Jaimie Hunter and her daughters Annalee and Kinslee stopped by to feed the chickens.



Amanda Talluri and her children Octavian 2, Isaac 3, and baby Ostara came out for some fun at Abbey Gardens.



Callum McGee, 2, examines a big leaf.

KINMOUNT CONNECTION

Save the date for summer fun

Oh Canada, it was heartwarming to see the return of in-person Canada Day celebrations throughout our home and native land and in Kinmount that was no exception. The Canadian spirit shone brightly at Kinmount's traditional family picnic day at the fairgrounds with food, fun, entertainment, and grand fireworks to blast us off into July.

We all know there's no place like home, but did you know there's also no place like Highlands Cinemas? Now that summer is here you can experience this movie museum oddity any day of the week. Oh yeah, you can watch the latest flicks too. Visit highlandscinemas.com for details.

Summer also brings Music in the Park to Kinmount at 6:30 p.m. Thursday evenings through July and August at scenic Austin Sawmill Park. Bring your lawn chairs, sit back and enjoy the view, the music, and yummy food, too.

A few changes have been made to the original Music in the Park lineup. Much thanks to the Blackfly Boogie Band (July 7) and Gord Kidd & Friends (July 21), who were able to work the dates into their schedules to fill in. Music in the Park hopes to welcome The Wanted and Gary & the Rough Ideas next season. Jeff Moulton entertains July 14 and Rick Fines July 28.

Become an explorer at Kinmount Heritage Centre and Model Railway Museum, Saturdays 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the train station. Check out the Farmers' Market too. Grab some breakfast or lunch, find a spot along the river, and enjoy!

A short stroll up the trail from the station brings you to Kinmount Artisans Marketplace. Do you have an artistic or crafting talent? Interested in retailing your creations? Contact Darlene at 416-677-6681 or stop by the Marketplace in the lower level of Kinmount Community Centre.

Lots of incredible free programs going on all summer long at Kinmount Library. No registration necessary. Just drop by. Open Tuesdays and Thursdays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Wednesdays 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.. Critter Visit Time is Tuesday, July 19 at 10:30 a.m.

The Friends of the Library hold By Donation Book Sales the third Saturday each month in the lower level of the library. Thanks to Mike Penney and Donna Sisson for a fantastic job sprucing up the Reading Garden and outdoor play area behind the library.

Ontario Early Years Preschool Program has increased visits and now come to Kinmount Community Centre every Monday 10 a.m. until noon.

Dare to be there! A free Ghost Tour takes place Friday, August 5. Your guide, local historian Guy Scott, has tantalizing stories to tell. Meet at the Train Station at 8:13 p.m.

Stay tuned for news about Kinmount Fair's pre-fair bash, a 150th Birthday Party, Thursday, Sept. 1.

Take care and roll on with your lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!

Submitted by Lynne Kilby

AROUND THE COUNTY TOWN



Women supporting Walkabout

100 Women Who Care Haliburton County, an organization that raises money to allocate to local charities, granted Walkabout Farm Therapeutic Riding Association with \$6,700 to go towards their programming. Sandra Slauenwhite-Box, Tina Palmer, and Pat Bradley of 100 Women Who Care presented the cheque to Walkabout Farm representatives Jennifer Semach and Courtney Semach on Thursday, June 30. /VIVIAN COLLINGS Staff



Legion gives to HHHSF

Royal Canadian Legion Minden Branch 636 presented a cheque for \$10,000 to HHHS Foundation in support of health care fundraising efforts for new IV pumps last week. Legion officers joining HHHS Foundation executive director Lisa Tompkins, far left, and board chair Eric Recalla, at right are, from left: Linda Evans, secretary; Chris Burton, sports officer; James Donaldson, public relations and cadet liaison; Wendy Bolt, president; Jim Ross, past president (seated); Richard Schell, 2nd vice-president; Paul Norry, treasurer; and Ralf Hennig, poppy, veterans service officer. HHHS Foundation is grateful to the Minden Legion, and the generous support of members and the community. /Photo submitted

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Joy made double

Remington Anne and Kensington Jeanne were born to Summer Lafferty and Jamie Jones on June 16 at 36 weeks. Remington was six pounds, six ounces and 19.2 inches long when she was born at 5:15, and Kensington was six pounds, two ounces, and 19.2 inches long when she was born at 5:18 p.m. Welcome to the world, wee ones! /Photo submitted by Kristy "Gramma" Murdoch



WOODLANDS Wildlife Sanctuary

Rescue of the Month

This young fox was on his last leg. The mange was so bad that he couldn't see anymore and he was starving. Thankfully the kind folks at Lilac Lodge RV Resort, where the fox was frequenting, were very concerned and wanted to help him. A live trap was set and the very next day, the foxy boy was in our care! Just five days later, his eyes are open again and he is enjoying his buffet dinners at the Woodlands Spa. Amazing what a little medicine and a good dose of TLC can do! To learn more about Woodlands Wildlife Sanctuary, visit woodlandswildlifesanctuary.ca or call 705-286-1133. /Photo submitted by Monika Melichar



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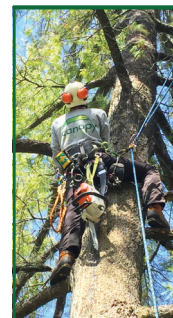
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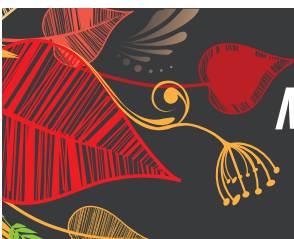
In Loving Memory
Stanley "Stan" Fisher
(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)

STANLEY (Stan) REGINALD FISHER, 77, of Haliburton, ON, passed away at the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Hospital in the early hours of June 27th after suffering a stroke. Stan was predeceased by his parents, Robert and Irene (nee Gaffield) Fisher. He is survived by his loving wife of 56 years, Irene (nee Davidson) Fisher, and their two children, Charlene of Georgetown, ON and Craig (Stephanie) of Sherwood Park, AB, his brother Brian (Joyce) of Tallahassee, FL, and three grandchildren Rebecca, Cole and Chanté, as well as many loving friends and other family members. Stan was an avid photographer and a member of the Haliburton Highlands Camera Club. Anyone who knew Stan, knew him as a kind, loving man. He had a wonderful sense of humour and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Stan loved to travel and was fortunate to have travelled with his wife throughout most of Canada, much of the United States with their 5th Wheel, Barbados, and several other places such as Scotland, Ireland, Amsterdam, Germany, Greece, and Paris, to name a few. We are grateful for the compassionate team of nurses (Angel, Thalia and Mandy) at the HHHS Hospital," who ensured that Stan was comfortable in his final days.

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LOOK INSIDE



A cuppa

Ruth Clarke wasn't the only one smiling at a museum tea.

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Deep freeze

Angry Highlanders join folks from all over in a protest at Queen's Park.

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Busy as a beaver

Judy Kocsis brought her furry, toothy friend to Stanhope's Heritage Day.

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Toy soldiers

Tiny, perfect little things like toy soldiers attracted a crowd on the weekend.

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In Quotes

"[David Ramsay] should spend more time at the office and less on his sailboat. The boom must have swung around and whacked him on the head."

Neil Campbell's column, page 7

Frost war cabinet formed

by SHERYL LOUCKS
Times Staff

A meeting held after last Monday's protest at Queen's Park to save the Leslie M. Frost Natural Resources Centre has laid the ground-

work for a long-term battle plan.

Kate Hall facilitated the meeting and says there is now a core group of individuals, including herself, who are dedicated to working together for the long haul. She says the 15 peo-

ple in the group have already played a role in the two protests, flyer printing and candlelight vigil to protest the closure.

They were excited to see that one of the atten-

see TAKIN' page 3



Darren Lum/TIMES

Happy about heritage

Young and slightly older alike enjoyed the second annual Dorset Heritage Day held last Saturday. Above, Charlotte Bailey, 2, of Newmarket, has a look around while Stella Gopsill of Baysville spins wool. The day was celebrated in both Dorset and Stanhope with musicians, local artisans and all kinds of other cool, heritage-style attractions. See page 14 for more photos.

U.S. ecology director says closings like the Frost too common

by MARTHA PERKINS
Times staff

As director of education for the Ecological Society of America, Jason Taylor has learned of far too many closures of places like the Frost Centre.

And as a Frost Centre alumni who was in the Highlands for a week at his parents' cottage, Taylor would like to add his voice to the lobby trying to convince the Ontario government to change its mind.

"It's not just a local issue, it's an international issue," Taylor said in a telephone interview. "These centres are being closed across the two countries. I grew up in Barrie and went to the Frost Centre as a graduate student. It's just a fabulous place - its

location, the facilities, the natural setting."

Because schools no longer have the funding to send children to outdoor education centres, many of the centres "just fizzle out and wither away." That's devastating for the future of scientific pursuits; if you don't turn children on to the marvels of science and ecology at an early age, they won't be as keen to become tomorrow's scientists.

"It's places like the Frost Centre where children get to experience what a career in natural resources or forestry means," Taylor says.

Even if they don't choose a career in science, it's still important to know about it.

"The best way to learn about science is by experi-

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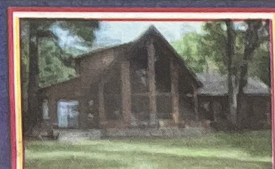


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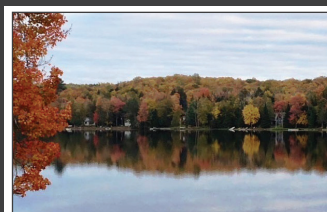
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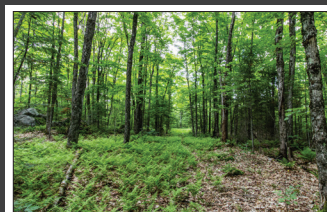


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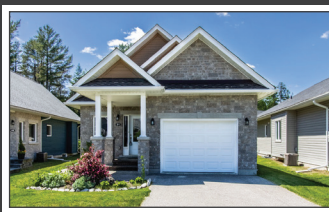
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